

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the publication “LASS: Putting the telephone customer in charge,” by Hirschman et al., May 1985. (“LASS”). Applicant has herein amended claims 1, 13, and 15-17 and has canceled claims 6, 11, 12, and 18-20. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

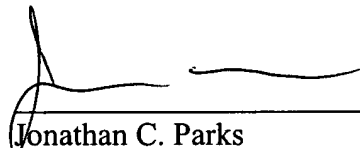
Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to specify that certain steps of the claimed method are carried out using a service data point (SDP) and a service switching point (SSP) of an advanced intelligent network (AIN). Applicant has also amended independent claim 13 to specify that the claimed system includes an SSP and a service control point (SCP) of an AIN. Applicant submits that LASS does not teach, among other things, the use of components of an AIN.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10, which depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance. For analogous reasons to those recited above in connection with independent claim 1, Applicant submits that independent claim 13, and dependent claims 14-17, which depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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